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Applicants: R.T. CHERN, et al.

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CONTROLLED RELEASE OF BIOACTIVE
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**REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION
AND AMENDMENT**

MERCK & CO., INC.

By Shin Mak Lee Date 8/23/2000

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension to August 24, 2000 of the deadline to respond to the Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2000, for the above-identified application. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) should be charged to Deposit Account **13-2755**. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in light of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-14 as follows:

Claim 1. (Amended Twice) A film coated liquid implant formed by a method comprising:

injecting into a subject in need of said implant at an implant site a liquid polymeric composition for controlled release of hydrophobic bioactive substances comprising:

(a) 1 to 30% w/v of a hydrophobic bioactive substance;

(b) 1 to 20% w/v of a poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer; wherein the weight ratio of the poly(lactide-co-glycolide) copolymer to the hydrophobic bioactive substance is 1:1 or less; and